

## CLARKE IS NERVOUS.

Doesn't Like the Expose of the "Loan and Trust" Company.

He Says All the Loans Are Made in Philadelphia.

Branch Officeman E. A. Noblett Has a Police Record.

As a result of the story printed in "The Evening World" yesterday very little business was transacted by the Commercial Loan and Trust Company today at its New York headquarters, 31 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

When "The Evening World" reporter called at the office, Mr. Johnson referred him to Mr. Clarke. The latter was sitting in a revolving chair in the back parlor, smoking a Havana cigar. He looked nervously at the reporter. Before any questions were asked, Mr. Clarke said:

"If you are calling in reference to that story in 'The Evening World,' I have no statement to make. I refer all persons to the main office in Philadelphia. We are only managers here and do not accept any loans. If the public want to know whether or not we are swindlers and whether any loans have been made to members, they can find it out at the Philadelphia office. The company has a sworn statement there of every man who has been made, and has on file every application for loans by those who have paid their registration fee of \$2."

Mr. Clarke at this point turned quickly in his chair and took from a pigeon-hole in his desk a copy of the Philadelphia Times. He flashed the paper in the reporter's face, showing a full-page advertisement of the Commercial Loan and Trust Company, and demanded to know whether the Philadelphia Times would advertise a swindle in that manner. He also showed other advertisements in the Philadelphia Press.

When asked who the President of the concern "Hon. C. P. Hopkins" was and what his business was, Mr. Clarke said he was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. He did not know whether he was an Assemblyman or Senator.

He appealed to his partner, Johnson, for information on this subject, but he, too, was profoundly ignorant. At this point, he added, however, that Mr. Hopkins is a practicing attorney, and it was not likely he would be connected with a swindle.

Neither Clarke nor Johnson knew much about Vice-President Robert Reach or Treasurer and Secretary G. M. Spencer. For any further information, Mr. Clarke grandly referred the reporter to their printed circulars.

As the reporter left the office, Mr. Clarke remarked:

"I am not going to lose any sleep over this matter anyhow."

Mr. Clarke was very nervous during the interview, and his partner, Johnson, pulled his high hat down over his eyes and scarcely opened them at any time.

The downtown branch of the concern has been removed from 135 Broadway, for the reason that E. A. Noblett, the downtown agent, was requested on Feb. 1 to vacate the office.

Mr. Noblett has engaged an office at 211 Broadway, and on the door appears this sign:

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS EXCHANGE  
E. A. NOBLETT & J. L. UPHAM.

Mr. Noblett was in the office this morning, but said he had ceased acting as agent for the Commercial Loan and Trust Company, because there wasn't enough money in it. He had

circulared to give out, however, and referred the reporter to the main office at 31 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Noblett is not a stranger to fame, and, in fact, it was the wide notoriety he has achieved that led to his election from 135 Broadway. Early last summer he conducted the Mutual Aid Employment Bureau, at 18 Fulton street, Brooklyn, but in July his methods were exposed, and Mayor Doody revoked his license.

The complaint against him then was that he secured deposits from men and women under promise of furnishing them employment, and would then keep the cash, but not his promise.

At the same time he was operating three places in Sixth avenue, including one at 373 Sixth avenue, under the name of the Foreign and American Employment Agency. At Newark he did business as St. Stewart.

In October there was a warrant sworn out for Noblett's arrest at the Tombs Police Court, on the charge of obtaining \$150 from Miss Jennie Race, of 948 Eighth avenue.

She claimed she answered an advertisement signed Edward, who turned out to be Noblett. He said he was about to open an employment office on Sixth avenue, and engaged Miss Race as a secretary. She made a deposit of \$150 and said she couldn't get it back.

The Post-Office authorities read the explanation of the "Evening World," but decided to take no action in the premises for the reason that the alleged swindle does not come under the jurisdiction of the United States Government.

"It is an old swindle," said one of the Post-Office inspectors to an "Evening World" reporter this morning. "It has been worked before by swindlers in other cities under various names and disguises. As the swindle is not insured against our attention, and is a matter for the State authorities to investigate."

GOING TO THE DOGS.  
Society and the Public in General Will Get There Next Week.

The Dog Show comes next week. It is a recognized institution now, like the Horse Show, and society turns out to see the St. Bernards, the Great Danes, the mastiffs, the beagles and the pet dogs. It is a curious fact that the first dog



WILL BE AT THE DOG SHOW.  
shows were not a success. New York had to be "educated" on the subject before the dog became popular.

When the society had learned that \$2,000, and even \$5,000, was often paid for a single beast, she felt an awakening of interest. Now every one looks to "The Sunday World" just before the opening of the show to learn all about the old favorites and any new prize winners that are promised. To-morrow's paper will tell the story.

Gave Her Money, Then Took It Back.  
James Murphy, a boatman living with Catherine Murphy at 143 Cherry street, was discharged in the Essex Market Police Court today. Last night

Murphy gave Catherine \$22. He then left the house, and returning drunk, took the money away from her. The woman arrested him, but this morning refused to prosecute him, saying Murphy had returned the money.

## MRS. ARNOTSTEIN LOCATED.

She Had Been Mysteriously Missing for Just One Week.

Her Husband Learns that She is with Friends and Ill.

Moses Arnotstein, a retired merchant, living at 312 East Eighty-seventh street, received word this morning concerning the whereabouts of his wife, Thelma, who mysteriously disappeared the morning of Feb. 10.

Mr. Arnotstein refused to tell where his wife was, evidently being loth to say much about the matter. He received a letter this morning, he said, from the people with whom his wife is staying, notifying him that she was there. He would not say who the people were or where they lived, except that they were friends, and didn't live in New York City.

"All I care to say is," said Mr. Arnotstein, "that my wife is sick and that I don't know why she left, as we always lived happily together, and never had any trouble. Her sickness may have affected her head, but she seemed in good spirits the day she left. She laughed and talked at breakfast, and we played a game of cards."

When she went out she said she was going to look at a house. She had \$200 worth of jewelry about her, and not several thousand dollars' worth, as reported. She probably went to the place where she was taken, and the letter I received this morning said another, which I didn't get, had been given, saying she was there.

"I am very thankful that I have learned where my wife is, and I expect her home in a day or two, and I expect she returned today."

Mrs. Arnotstein, who is a handsome woman of forty-five years, left home at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, supposedly for the purpose of looking at some property which her husband contemplated purchasing at Madison avenue and One Hundred and Ninth street. From that time nothing was seen of her until she returned today.

When she failed to return her husband made inquiries and found she had looked at the property in question, and there all trace of her was lost.

Mr. Arnotstein's father was a rich banker in Berlin. While traveling in Holland, Mr. Arnotstein met and fell in love with her.

His father opposed the match, because of the difference in religious beliefs of the two families.

In consequence of their marriage the young man was disinherited. He came here with his bride and made a fortune for himself.

They have five children, three sons and two daughters. Their married life has always been a happy one, and the family was at a loss to account for her mysterious disappearance.

MARTIN IS DISCHARGED.  
But Justice Simms Says He Believes Him to Be a Thief.

David Martin, whose wife has been charged with entering Josephine Thompson and her three children, two young Yonkers girls, from their homes to lead an immoral life in this city, was before Justice Simms in the Harlem Police Court this morning.

Martin was arrested two days ago, and his wife is under the surveillance of the police. From the stories told by the two girls, who occupied the room at the Martin's house at 120 Second avenue, and returned to their homes, it was suspected that Martin and his wife had been concerned in several robberies, for it was said that their apartments were

the report of a number of well-known crooks, and that large quantities of goods supposed to have been stolen had been taken there by the girls.

The police, however, could find no evidence of this, and Detective Moore and Smith, of the One Hundred and Fourth street station, said that they were unable to connect Martin directly with any of the robberies in question. Justice Simms was, therefore, obliged to release him. In doing this, however, the magistrate said:

"I discharge you reluctantly, because I believe you to be a thief. If you are ever brought here again I hope the police will have evidence enough to warrant me in holding you."

FANATIC BEATS HIS WIFE.  
The Cruel Sanctity Test of Michigan's "Chosen Seven."

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 17.—(Rev. Thornton Carter), who claims to be the Messiah, and who is the leader of a number of religious fanatics calling themselves "The Chosen Seven," located at Coloma, Berrien County, has again been "whipping the devil" out of his wife.

It is the practice of these people to pound and slap and otherwise punish the brethren, accompanying the thumping with yells and howls for mercy. They call it the "Holy Grace" test, and to pass the ordeal without wincing or great prostration is construed as evidence of sanctity.

Carter claims to have had a vision last night, and to have been directed to administer the test to his wife.

Taking her to the barn, he tied her in a stall and left her to the "staring oracles" and means of grace. After she had been there a few hours, he went but to whip her. The screams of the half-frozen woman brought relief and release from passers-by. At the time his followers were holding services in Carter's house. There is talk of again administering tar and feathers.

ELOPED WITH A CLAIRVOYANT.  
A St. Catherine's Clairvoyant Coaxed Back by Her Parents.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Feb. 17.—The elopement of "Miss Dunn," a clairvoyant, and Kenneth Vine, of St. Catherine's, is the talk of the town. The bride is stopping at a hotel on the American side, and her boy husband has been coaxed back to St. Catherine's by his relatives.

The pretty fortune-teller is twenty-two years of age and her marriage certificate bears the name of Baird. Her home is at Rochester, N. Y. She threatens to sue her husband's relatives for alienation of his affections.

DISROBING IN CHURCH.  
A Crazy Man's Actions at an Early Morning Service.

A man attempting to disrobe during service at the Catholic Church of the Epiphany, at Twenty-second street and Second avenue, early this morning, caused the female worshippers much uneasiness.

A mission is being conducted for women this week by Father Lynch. The man entered without shoes during an impressive part of the service, and walking noiselessly up the main aisle, took off his collar and tie and then began at his coat when an usher led him out.

He said he was John McDonald, printer, thirty-four years old, and lived on Sixth street, between First and Second avenues. Officer George Smith, of the Twenty-second street police station, placed him under arrest. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital for examination as to his mental condition. Superficial symptoms of paresis were perceptible.

## BROTHER AND SISTER ELOPE.

Separated in Childhood, Knew Not Their Relationship.

Stockton Man Vainly Searching for His Adopted Daughter.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The Examiner publishes a remarkable story of a brother and sister who, not knowing their relationship to each other, eloped from Stockton. The adopted father of the girl, Charles Lacy, a liverman of Stockton, is here searching for the eloping couple and is almost crazed with grief. His story is as follows:

"In 1875 George W. Haygood, a prominent hardware merchant of Aurora, Ill., came to Stockton with his wife and two children, Oliver and Emma, aged respectively three and one year. Haygood's wife soon died, and shortly after he left for Aurora with the son, leaving the daughter in my care. I adopted the little girl, but lost all track of Haygood until I received information that he had been accidentally shot and killed."

"The son, Oliver, was adopted by Milton Wendell, and took his name. The boy learned the drug business and came to Stockton where he became clerk in a drugstore. After he had been in Stockton six months I learned that he was a brother of my adopted daughter, who was at school in Tacoma. When she returned home, on admission of friends, I foolishly delayed telling them of their relationship. The young man called frequently at my house, but I had no idea he was in love with the girl, and replied that they should be such good friends."

"Last Wednesday, however, they left together for San Francisco, and I have since been told that they were really in love with each other. Despite my best endeavors I have found in clue as to their whereabouts, and the horrible fact that neither of them can realize their fearful position almost drives me mad."

SUPPOSED SUICIDE RETURNS.  
(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Benjamin Campbell, of this city, who was supposed to have committed suicide in Portland, Me., by jumping into the river, has returned home. He attributes to some joking friend the leaving of a card saying that he intended to commit suicide.

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When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,  
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Received for Premiums, ...	\$33,594,337 98
From all other sources, ...	8,358,807 70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,953,145 68</b>

Disbursements.

To Policyholders, ...	\$20,885,478 40
For all other accounts, ...	9,484,567 47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,370,045 87</b>

Assets.

United States Bonds and other Securities, ...	\$78,936,332 41
First lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage, ...	70,729,838 93
Loans on Stocks and Bonds, ...	7,497,800 00
Real Estate, ...	18,089,918 89
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, ...	10,844,691 78
Accrued Interest, Deferred Premiums, &c., ...	8,809,608 89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,707,680 14</b>

Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities, ... 168,755,071 23

Surplus, ... \$17,952,608 91

Insurance and Annuities assumed and renewed, ... \$708,692,552 40

NOTE.—Insurance merely written is deducted from this Statement as wholly misleading, and only insurance actually issued and paid for in cash is included.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct.

CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual

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THE TAMMANY PUZZLE;  
Or, How to Reach Power and Wealth as a Political Boss.

TIFFANY ON JEWELRY.  
He Describes the Latest Fashions in Tiaras and Bracelets and Announces the Revival of the Earring.

SOCIETY'S REIGNING FAD.  
And Now the Young Women of New York's Fashionable Set Are Learning to Fence in Silk Blouses and Trouserettes.

THEIR FAVORITE JOKES.  
Many of New York's Best-Known Women Prove that They Can Tell a Funny Story, and Tell It Well.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S COLORED DRESS SUIT.  
What New York Leaders of Fashion Think About His Highness's Latest Decree.

TO ROB US OF THE ZOO.  
A Scheme to Change the Central Park Menagerie so that an Admission Fee Can be Charged by Certain Private Individuals.

"THE STRANGE FATE of the COUNTESS CHERICI."  
A Curious Fiction Story, By GRANT ALLEN.

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Something About Dogs, Big and Little, of All Classes, Which Will Be at Madison Square Garden Next Week

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